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A particular report comes to mind that appeared under merely one author's name. It describes the properties of a rare mineral which had not been adequately characterized or previously reported from localities outside of Russia. This article was written by a mineralogist who used data obtained by a chemist (analytical determinations), a physicist (electron micrographs), and two spectroscopists (minor components).

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the over-all responsibility for evaluating the data depended upon a single individual, the mineralogist.

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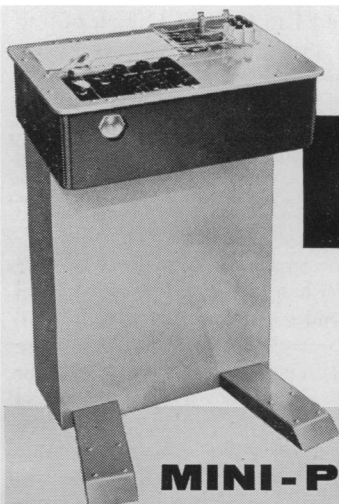
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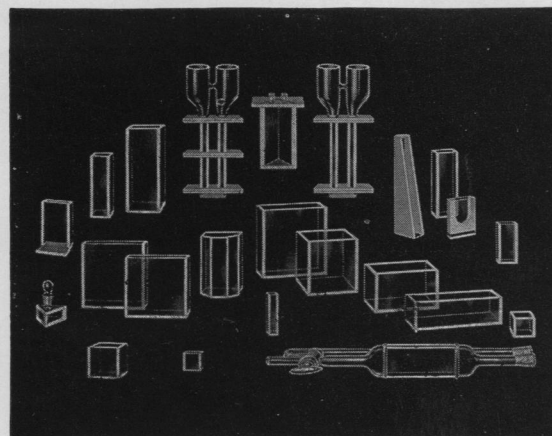
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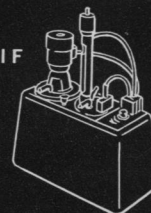
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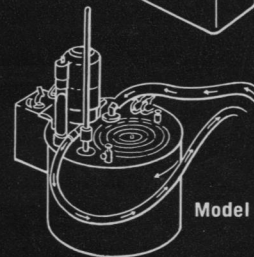
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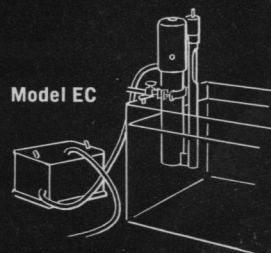
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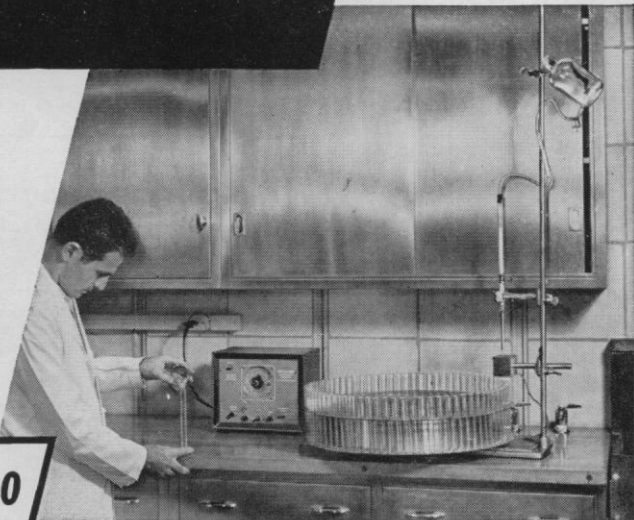
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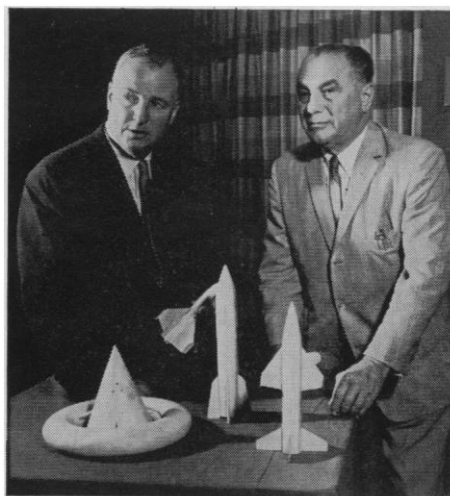
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